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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DRYING BULK

MATERIAL, ESPECIALLY BARK, SAWDUST,

PRETREATED SLUDGE OR A MIXTURE OF THESE, USE OF A WIRE, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

COOLING WASTE WATER PRODUCED IN A

PRODUCTION PROCESS OF PULP OR PAPER, PULP

MILL AND PAPER MILL

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Sir:

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